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1. This communication is responsive to the discussion between the examiner and the attorney on 7/20/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 5-23.
3. The drawings filed on 09 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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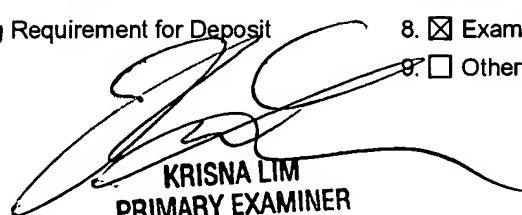
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



KRISNA LIM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner's Amendment

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Lawrence J. Merkel on July 20, 2005.

Cancel Claims 2 and 4.

In claim 1, at line 6, after -- simulator -- insert -- evaluated events and --.

At last line, replace the last line by -- and wherein each node is configured to transmit a first command indicating that the node has completed simulation for a first timestep and thus the node is capable of completing the first timestep; wherein a synchronized transition from the first timestep to a second timestep that follows the first timestep in the plurality of nodes is performed responsive to receiving the first command from each node of the plurality of nodes. --

In claim 3, at last line, replace -- between timesteps. -- with -- by transmitting a second command to each of the plurality of nodes. --

In claim 11, at line 8, between -- ; -- and -- and --, insert -- each node of the plurality of nodes transmitting a first command indicating that the node has completed simulation for a first timestep and thus the node is capable of completing the first timestep; --

At line 10, replace -- timestep. -- with -- timestep responsive to receiving the first command from each node of the plurality of nodes. --.

In claim 12, delete lines 2-3.

At line 5, replace -- the receiving -- with -- receiving the first command from each node --.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.109 and M.P.E.P 1302.14, the following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior arts of record do not teach a distributed simulation system comprising a plurality of nodes. Each node comprising a simulator for simulating different component of a system under test based on a series of timesteps. And each of the timestep is a gradule of simulation time by which the simulator evaluated event and advances the simulation of the component. These simulations of each nodes are synchronized from a first timestep to a second timestep in response to a first command from each node of the plurality of nodes that indicates the completion of the simulation within first timestep.

The examiner considers the applicants' claims 1, 3 and 5-23 to be allowable based on the claim interpretation and the aforesaid prior arts of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krisna Lim whose telephone number is 571-272-3956. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess, can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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July 20, 2005



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